

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 15, 28, 29, 43, 54, 55, and 57 are amended, claims 59-61 are canceled, and claims 62-65 are added. After entry of these amendments, claims 1-4, 7-11, 14-32, 35-39, and 42-58, and 62-65 will be pending.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14-26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 35, 36, 38, 39, 42-52, 54, 55, 57 and 59-61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Grimes (US Pub. No. 2002/0057297) in view of Hosea (US Pub. No. 2002/0059094).

Claim 1, as amended, recites a method comprising:

receiving an interest signal indicating an interest in a hyperlink included in a first document, the hyperlink referencing a second document;

generating a request for online third-party-provided information about the second document, wherein the third-party-provided information comprises a content snippet of the second document provided by a source other than a publisher or author of the second document, and **wherein the content snippet comprises a portion of text found in the second document**;

receiving the third-party-provided information; and

causing the third-party-provided information to be output in association with the first document.

Neither Grimes nor Hosea shows “generating a request for online third-party-provided information about the second document, wherein the third-party-provided information comprises a content snippet of the second document provided by a source other than a publisher or author of the second document, and **wherein the content snippet comprises a portion of text found in the second document**.”

The Grimes reference discusses ways to filter and manage broadband programs. (Grimes, Abstract) As described in paragraph 35 of the Grimes reference:

[T]he content 20, whether broadcast as a real-time stream on a virtual channel or provided by a third-party as edge-of net content, comprises chunks of content called programs. Typically each program that is broadcast as a real-time stream on a virtual channel 22 has a corresponding program nugget 74. As discussed above, program

nuggets 74 are preferably broadcast or communicated on the control channel. The NOC 12 usually transmits the program nugget 74 at some time preceding the broadcast of the corresponding program. The personalized content manager 45 preferably uses program nuggets 74, and the data contained therein, to manage the content 20 as described below.

Thus, Grimes attempts to filter and manage broadband, streaming programs, such as movies or television shows. At best, it provides a thumbnail of images from the broadband programs. (Grimes, paragraphs 39, 50) However, providing a thumbnail of broadband images, provided by the author or publisher of the second document, does not disclose providing a content snippet, provided by a source other than a publisher or author of the second document, the content snippet comprising a portion of text found in the second document.

In addition, the Examiner acknowledges that the Grimes reference does not provide information by a third party and relies on Hosea to show third party provided information. While the Hosea reference provides a rating system (Hosea, Abstract), Hosea also fails to show a content snippet comprising a portion of text found in the second document. Thus, neither reference shows providing a content snippet by a source other than a publisher or author of the second document, the content snippet comprising a portion of text found in the second document.

The arguments made with regard to claim 1 also apply to claims 29, 55 and 57. Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 29, 55, and 57 are allowable over the applied references at least for the reasons described above.

Claims 9 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Grimes and Hosea in view of Banerjee (U.S. Patent No. 6,983,273). Claims 27 and 53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Grimes and Hosea in view of Bruneau (U.S. Patent No. 6,707,443). Claims 2, 30, 56 and 58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Grimes and Hosea in view of Jun (US Pub. No. 2005/0044224). None of these references discloses a content snippet by a source other than a publisher or author of the second document, the content snippet comprising a portion of text found in the second document.

Claims 2-4, 7-11, 14-28, and 62 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1. Claims 30-32, 35-39, 42-54, and 63 depend directly or indirectly from claim 29. Claims 56 and 64

depend directly or indirectly from claim 55. Claims 58 and 65 depend directly or indirectly from claim 57. In addition to containing all of the limitations of the claims from which they depend, respectively, these claims also contain additional limitations that are not shown by the applied references.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are allowable for the reasons discussed and request that the Examiner allow this case. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to advance the prosecution of this application.

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